

Remarks/Arguments:

The response is regards to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 17, 2008.

On July 28, 2008, the Examiner stated that this Office Action was sent in error.

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on April 24, 2008, in which Claim 19 and the prior art was discussed. The attorney for the applicant has amended Claims 14, 19 and 20 as suggested to the examiner during the interview.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2008.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, since Claims 49-54 and 62-67 contain the limitation “computer readable medium”.

Claims 49-54 and 62-67 have been amended to be “computer readable storage medium” claims.

Claims 14-21, 23, 24, 26, 28-37, 42-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miron (U. S. Patent No.: 6,401,239).

Claims 14, 19 and 20 have been amended to indicate that an update is sent to the slave server without being requested by the slave server. This update is then used by the slave server if possible, otherwise a delta is requested.

This feature is not shown or made obvious by any of the prior cited references.

Similarly, claims 42 and 62 have been amended to state that the slave server does not request a first delta update. For this reason, these claims are believed to be allowable.

Claims 21 and 31-35 include a two phase update and have been amended to include the feature that “the update is committed to all the slaves if all the slaves are able to commit the update and the update is not committed to any slave, if any slave is not able to commit the update” to make these claims more clear. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the prior cited art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if they can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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